

wielder of the thunderbolt, the showerer
(of benefits),
the overcomer of quick-(flying foes), the
mighty, the
monarch, the slayer of YRITRA, the drinker
of- the
Soma, having harnessed his horses, come
down (to us):
may IND&A be exhilarated at the-mid-day
sacrifice.

5. When, SU&YA, the son of the *Asura*
SwARBHltfu,¹
overspread thee with darkness, the worlds
were beheld
like one bewildered, knowing not his place.

6. When, INDBA, thou wast dissipating
those illu-
sions of SWARBH!NU which were spread
below the sun,
then ATRI, by his fourth sacred prayer,²
discovered
the sun concealed by the darkness
impeding his func-
tions.

7. SURYA speaks]: Let not the
violator, AT&T,
through hunger, swallow with fearful
(darkness) me
who am thine: thou art MITRA, whose
wealth is truth:
do thou and the royal VARUNA both protect
me.

8. Then the Brahman, (AiRi), applying
the stones
together, propitiating the gods with
praise, and ador-
ing them with reverence, placed the eye of
StfRYi in
the sky: he dispersed the delusions of
SWARBEL&NU.

9. The sun, .whom the *Asura*,
SWARBH^NU, had en-
veloped with darkness, the sons of ATRI
subsequently
recovered: no others were able (to effect
his release).

¹ *Swarlhanu* is a name of *Baku*, the personified
ascending
node, and the causer of an eclipse: he was a
son of *Katyapa*,
by *Danu*, .the mother of the *Ddnavas*, or *Asuras*:
Vishnu *Pur*.
p. 147: another genealogy makes him the son of
Viprachitti,
by *Sinkikd* the sister of *Hiranyakasipu*, *ibid.* p.

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⁹ That is, by the four stanzas of this hymn, from the fifth to